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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAKS RECALL EMBASSY OFFICIALS

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1. SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL, HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO THE RECALL OF TWO EMBASSY OFFICIALS, JAROSLAV SOSNA AND MIROSLAV FORST, INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE INCIDENT. HE STATED THAT MATTER WAS HANDLED IN A LOW-KEY MANNER THROUGH THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN ACQUIESCING TO ITALIAN DESIRE THAT SOSNA AND FORST LEAVE ITALY, CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR VIRTUALLY ADMITTED THAT THE TWO HAD BEEN GUILTY OF WRONG-DOING AND ASSURED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THEY WOULD DEPART WITHIN THREE DAYS. (THIS CONVERSATION APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE DEC 15).

2. AS PART OF THE "PACKAGE DEAL", THE ITALIANS ISSUED A WARNING TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR THAT MILITARY ATTACHE KRIZ BE MORE PRUDENT ABOUT HIS CONDUCT IN THE FUTURE. IN REUTRN FOR CZECHOSLOVAK ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO RETALIATION AGAINST THE ITALIAN EMBASSY STAFF IN PRAGUE, THE ITALIANS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT OR OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE TWO CZECHOSLOVAKS. MEANWHILE, THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN PRAGUE HAS RE-

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PORDED THAT HARASSMENT DIRECTED AGAINST TWO MEMBERS OF ITS

STAFF HAS CEASED NOW THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN RESOLVED.
(TARGETS OF STB HARASSMENT DURING THE WAR OF NERVES WERE
REPORTEDLY A THIRD SECRETARY AND A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN
CULTURAL INSTITUTE WHO WERE "TREATED" TO THREE DAYS OF CLOSE
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